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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-19 are pending in this application. Claims 1-13 are allowed. Claims 14 and 15 are rejected. Claims 16-19 are objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in proper independent form. Claims 14 and 17-19 are amended and claim 16 is canceled.

The allowance of claims 1-13 and the reasons for allowance are noted.

Claims 14-15 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(a) as being anticipated by Chiles (US Patent No. 6,167,567). The rejection of claim 14, as amended, is respectfully traversed.

Claims 16-19 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but are allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, Applicants have amended claim 14 to include all of the limitations of claim 16. Claim 14, as amended, is therefore deemed to be allowable as containing all of the limitations of old claim 14 and claim 16. Claim 16 has been canceled.

Claims 17-19 have been amended only to properly depend from amended claim 14.

Claims 15 and 17-19 are deemed to be allowable as dependent upon allowable claim 14, as amended, for the reasons given above.


In view of all of the above, the claims are now believed to be allowable and the case in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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No fee is believed due for this submittal. However, any fee deficiency associated with this submittal may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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